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SITE CHOSEN FOR LEISURE CENTRE

by Heather Large

A FORMER sports ground has been chosen as the proposed site for a £10million leisure centre in Kidderminster.

Wyre Forest District Council has agreed to buy the former Victoria Carpets sports ground in Spennells Way for the project. The plans include six courts, a 25-metre swimming pool and a learner pool. There would also be a fitness suite and pitches for five-a-side football.

Wyre Forest Glades Leisure Centre in Kidderminster will close when the new facility is built, or if the site needs to be vacated for a purchaser.

Stourport Sports Centre and Bewdley Leisure Centre would also stop being operated by the council when the new building is complete.

Councillor Ian Hardiman, cabinet member for community well-being said the site for the new centre already had outline planning permission.

Transport

"It is where the bulk of the population lives and has good access by road and public transport, although we will be looking at improvements to bus routes as part of the project."

He said the new centre would remove the need to pay a management fee to a leisure company. The cost of borrowing against the capital expenditure would be lower than the current management fee.

The council has agreed the sale with Victoria Carpets for £850,000 and the deal is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Residents will be consulted when the planning application is submitted. The final decision will then be made by the council's planning committee.

Protesters say gallery plan is vandalism

CAMPAIGNERS have branded cost-cutting plans to move Kidderminster Library's gallery and grand piano "civic vandalism".

And they have vowed to step up their fight against the proposals.

Worcestershire County Council wants to create offices for 130 workers at the library.

After a public consultation council chiefs said their "preferred option" for the site is to convert the existing gallery into offices, and create a smaller gallery with meeting rooms on the first floor.

The Steinway grand piano in the present gallery would be moved to the Corn Exchange next to the town hall.

The Friends of Kidderminster Library Gallery who had said this option would be unacceptable, say they are "gobsmacked".

Campaigner Howard Martin said: "This is an international standard performance venue that the region can be proud of, and this is nothing short of civic vandalism.

"We will step up our fight."

The council said 65 per cent of people backed its plan but Mr Martin said only 83 people took part.

He added: "Compared to the number on our petition, that is ludicrous."

Rail shares go on sale

SHARES in the Severn Valley Railway went on sale on Monday.

It is hoped the three million shares, £1 each, will fund the new centre, station gateway and spectator gallery at Bridgnorth Station, and create a heritage engineering and building training academy.

People will be able to buy a minimum of 100 shares and general manager Nick Ralls said shareholders would be given discounts and a say in the running of the railway.

Council's new £10m HQ opens its doors

THE doors have opened on the new £10 million council HQ in Wyre Forest, with leaders saying it will boost to regeneration plans.

Striking wooden panelled walls and towering glass entrances are the main features for the new home of Wyre Forest District Council.

Many of the 200 employees started moving into the building, in Finepoint Way, off the A451 between Kidderminster and Stourport, this week.

District council leader, Councillor John Campion, said: "Moving into Wyre Forest House is the single most important step in our transformation programme, saving money for the taxpayer and allowing money to be diverted to the front line.

"It shows how we are committed to modernising the Council by providing flexible accommodation for our office-based staff."

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Kevin expands his booming business

Kevin Barker thriving at 50, with shop assistants Sharni Hancher, left, and Tawny Fern Hancher

A TRADER in Kidderminster who opened a shop as a lifestyle change after battling cancer is celebrating the second anniversary of his business by expanding it.

Kevin Barker, aged 49, was given just nine months to live when first told he had the illness. But five years on, Mr Barker says he is thriving and will celebrate his 50th birthday next month.

Following the diagnosis he decided to "change the pace of his life" and opened up the Simply Charming store in Blackwell Street, Kidderminster.

It sells holistic items like health crystals. The success of the shop means that he can now expand it into a unit next door.

The new shop will be called Simply Luxury and will offer products such as aromatherapy candles.

Views are sought on hospital car parks

STAFF and residents are to be asked for their views on proposals to change car parking charges at Kidderminster Hospital.

Proposals to replace pay and display machines with a barrier and pay kiosk system have been drawn up by Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust.

The scheme will go to consultation before a final decision is made. If the scheme goes ahead, the trust aims to have the changes in place by January.

No final decision has yet been made on the level of charges. This will be discussed following the consultation.

Charges are now the same at Kidderminster Hospital, Worcestershire Royal Hospital and the Alexandra Hospital, in Redditch.

But patients have asked for charges to be made on an hourly basis. Visitors now have to pay £3 for a two-hour stay, £4.50 for up to four hours, £6 for six hours and £7.50 for six to 24 hours. The first 20 minutes is free.

But patients want a system where they have to pay a smaller amount for visits of more than 20 minutes but less than two hours.

Trust spokeswoman Laura Wedekind said: "In any event there would be no change to the trust's income from parking charges on a like for like basis."

Nursery hit by burglary

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a burglary at a nursery in Blakedown, near Kidderminster.

It happened at Blue Hoots Pre-School, Birmingham Road, between 6pm on Friday, September 28, and 7.20am on Monday, October 1.

The burglars made an untidy search and stole a red cash box containing £100.

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Council gets a £28,500 instalment from bank

WYRE Forest District Council has been repaid another £28,500 by an Icelandic bank which was hit by the financial crisis.

It was the 12th payment from the Heritable Bank, the latest instalment of the £1m which the council invested before the crisis in Iceland in 2008.

Council leader Councillor John Campion announced the payment at a meeting of the council last week.

More than £700,000 of the investment has now been recovered by the authority and regular dividend payments will continue.

The amount invested in the Heritable was part of a £9m investment in three banks. The others were Landsbanki and Kaupthing, Singer and Friedlander.

Legal

The council has received two dividend payments totalling over £1.2m in relation to the £3m invested in Landsbanki.

The authority, along with other groups which had money invested in Landsbanki, won a legal fight to be at the front of the queue when cash was repaid.

Councillor Campion said the estimate for the overall return exceeded the 95 to 98 per cent previously expected.

"We have now received almost 63 per cent of the total outstanding and dividend payments continue to be received," he added.

Staff move in at striking £10m HQ

Council leader, Councillor John Campion, at the new £10 million headquarters

WITH its striking looks and tall glass frontage, this is Wyre Forest district council's new £10million HQ.

The new building in Finepoint Way between Kidderminster and Stourport has opened its doors and council leader Councillor John Campion is sure that it will save money.

The refuse and recycling, environmental maintenance and parks and rangers teams and the vehicle depot will continue to operate from the depot at Green Street. But offices at Duke House and Coventry Street, in Kidderminster, and Stourport Civic Centre will close.

Councillor Campion, said the move would help save the authority £500,000 in running costs, include rent on the offices and heating bills.

He added: "It shows how we are committed to modernising the council by providing flexible accommodation and a fit-for-purpose venue for the formal meetings. I believe it will become an iconic public building that will serve the needs of the district for decades to come.

"This is also in part of wider regeneration plans. We are working with the community to regenerate this whole area."

County in hunt for royal link

THE search is on for a new Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire after the death of the former chairman of Kidderminster-based Brintons Carpets.

Michael Brinton, who died in April, had been the Queen's representative in the county since 2001.

The county council is now working with the Prime Minister's appointments secretary in the search for a new holder of the title.

Council spokesman Adam Blackmore said: "The Lord Lieutenant's role is of a community leader."

He said the new holder of the post would take part in enterprise, social, civic and voluntary activities in the county, and work to promote them.

£200,000 to help homeless

ROUGH sleepers in Worcestershire could get help thanks to £200,000 funding which has been won by Wyre Forest District Council, St Paul's Hostel, Worcester, and four other local authorities in the county.

The money has been awarded by Homeless Link, a national charity, to enhance services offered by the Worcestershire Homelessness Intervention Team.

Extra workers will be employed to provide an emergency response to reports of rough sleepers, and to help others to find accommodation.

Councillor Anne Hingley, cabinet member for place-shaping said: "This funding will help rough sleepers to come off the streets in line with the 'No Second Night Out' policy that the Department of Communities and Local Government is keen to see us adopt."

Chief Executive of St Paul's Hostel, Chris Ashcroft said: "We are very pleased to be awarded this funding and expanding our role on tackling rough sleeping. We hope...we can get people off the streets quickly and begin working with them."

Baby locked in

A MOTHER accidentally locked her 13-month-old son in her car in Highfield Road, Kates Hill, Dudley, on Saturday. Fire crews smashed a window of the Renault to get the boy out.

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Spy camera to save bridge from speeding motorists

A UNIQUE experiment is now under way to try to protect an historic hump-backed canal bridge near Kidderminster.

So many drivers have damaged the bridge and then failed to stop, leaving costly repairs behind, that a CCTV camera has been installed to watch over the bridge – an unprecedented move.

As the Chronicle has reported, the 240-year-old bridge over the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal at Caunsall, near Cookley, is having £30,000 worth of repairs after being hit six times by vehicles in 18 months.

Now it is the first of its kind in the country to get CCTV protection

The Canal and River Trust, which cares for 2,800 historical bridges, is behind the move And the trust is appealing to drivers to slow down.

Traffic

The work on the bridge, just off the A449, has coincided with similar repairs, costing £15,000, being carried out by Worcestershire County Council on a bridge over the River Stour.

Nigel Crowe, of the trust, said: "Hump-back bridges were built for horse-drawn carts, not today's speeding motorists, who cause up to £1 million damage to bridges each year."

Since most accidents are hit and run, the trust has to pick up the bill for repairs. If the CCTV is successful, it could be installed it at other sites.

"It isn't rocket science – if you see a hump-back bridge, slow down and you will save yourself and us a great deal of expense," Mr Crowe added.

Badly battered – the historic Caunsall canal bridge before the repair work

Anona Potts and Anthony Harris check out the work

Slow down drivers, the spy camera is watching

Burglar strikes at home

A BURGLAR stole a 42-inch JVC TV worth £368, a 19-inch Toshiba TV worth £100, an X-box worth £200, a navy blue Packard Bell laptop, and two men's silver bracelets when they raided a home in Linnet Rise, Kidderminster. In the raid on September 24, the thief was seen on CCTV to leave the house through the front door, get into a silver/grey VW Golf and drive off at 11.51am. Anyone with information can call 101, quoting incident 380-S-240912

Venue's old name is restored

AN historic venue's traditional name has been restored nearly a decade after it was controversially changed to create a more modern image.

Dudley Concert Hall will once again be known by its original name of Dudley Town Hall. Council leaders reversed the change made in 2004. Authority bosses said most people had continued to call it the town hall and the name was an important part of the town's heritage. Signs and printed materials will be changed only as the need arises, to save money.

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Businesses rush to join metal theft crackdown

THE number of scrap metal merchants joining a scheme to crack down on metal thefts has soared.

The scheme is aimed at dealers who want to sell their scrap metal legitimately, and 400 have joined since the start of September. It was launched by Brierley Hill-based Mason Metals and its success coincides with the start of West Midlands Police's anti-metal theft campaign Operation Tornado.

by John Corser

Across the West Midlands, Staffordshire and West Mercia police areas it is estimated metal worth more than £34 million has been stolen in four years.

War memorials, copper railway wiring, manhole covers and lead from church roofs are among items that have been taken by thieves.

Astounded

Mason Metal's commercial manager, Neil Woodall, said that nearly 400 members had enrolled in two weeks of September.

Owner Andrew Jones said: "Many businesses saw an initial fall in customer numbers when Operation Tornado began in their area so we're astounded.

"It looks like we'll have 1,000 members by next week if this continues."

Mason Metals, in Two Woods Lane, and sister company Halesowen Metals, in Blackheath, started their own membership scheme on a voluntary basis in January.

And their initiative has received praise from local MPs.

Under Tornado all 541 scrap metal dealers in the force areas ask for photo ID and a recent utility bill from anyone selling scrap metal.

In December a cash ban on purchases of scrap metal comes into effect nationally.

Public trade customers can only then be paid on their switch/debit cards, bank transfer or cheque.

Mr Jones said that at his businesses they were investing in a purpose-designed computer system and a new office/cashier point to meet the changes.

Hands up for town hall charity shows

Garry Holloway, singer with the West Midland Light Orchestra, gets in the swing with the Valentines

KIDDERMINSTER Town Hall stages a concert tomorrow and on Saturday to raise money for charity.

It will feature the Kidderminster Valentines, the West Midlands Light Orchestra, and the Bromsgrove School Big Band.

Friday will also feature the Birmingham Schools Guitar Ensemble, and on Saturday, Bravura Young People's Violin Group will join the line-up.

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Lord Cobham in bid to calm homes plan protest

CAMPAIGNERS' fears over housing plans in a village are unfounded Lord Cobham, owner of Hagley Hall and Park, said in an open letter.

Hundreds of campaigners carrying placards marched to the gates of the 18th century hall to deliver their own letter opposing the proposed developments.

They are demanding a rethink on the housing plans, including one for 175 homes on part of Lord Cobham's estate, by developer Cala Homes.

Lord Cobham, in the open letter, said: "Having seen and had explained to me all of the detailed evidence and technical reports produced by Cala and their specialist consultants, my conclusion is that many of the fears of some local residents are unfounded."

Cash from the sale of the land, off the A456 Kidderminster Road and the A491 Stourbridge Road, would be spent on the upkeep of the hall and put towards the planned public reopening of Hagley Park. Lord Cobham says Cala Homes has legal control over the site and councillors will take the ultimate decision on whether to grant planning permission.

Villagers say they are worried that a flood of new neighbours will stretch schools and village services to breaking point.

A separate plan for 70 homes on land off Western Road has also been unveiled.

Grants for business

GRANTS of up to £10,000 are available for businesses in the Black Country in an attempt to boost the region's economy. Anyone in business who wants details can send an email to business.support@ marketingbirmingham.com

Lauren's gig for charity

Andrew and Julie Marshall, founders of Ethan's Gift, with Bewdley's young singer Lauren Alexandra, second from left, and John Lloyd and Barbara Harpham, right, of the charity Heart Research UK.

BEWDLEY singer Lauren Alexandra helped a charity afternoon tea and cocktails event in Birmingham go with a swing.

Lauren, who is a finalist in the Open Mic UK regional finals taking place at the NEC on Saturday (6) entertained the guests and volunteers at the event organised by Heart Research UK.

It raised more than £1,200.

The event was organised alongside Ethan's Gift, an organisation set up in memory of Ethan Marshall who was three when he died at Birmingham Children's Hospital in 2009, of a congenital heart defect.

The money raised will go towards a project which supports children born with heart problems, and youngsters who have heart surgery, by providing research and improved rehabilitation facilities.

As part of the campaign, projects are underway at Birmingham Children's Hospital to provide support and monitoring equipment for children returning home after complex surgery.

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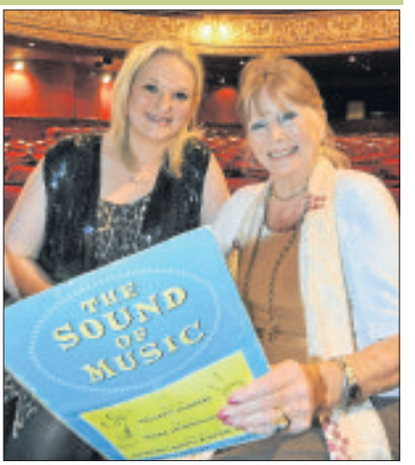
South Staffs Musical Theatre Company's Von Trapp children from The Sound of Music, led by Bridgnorth teenager Ellie Griffiths as Liesl



Jean Bayless, who originally played the role of Maria in the Sound of Music, meets the Black Country's Maria Claudia Gilmour at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

The original stage Maria helps cast climb a musical mountain

BEFORE Julia Andrews starred in the movie version of The Sound of Music, and decades before the stage revival starring TV show Maria, Connie Fisher, the original West End Maria was Jean Bayless.

The London-born actress and singer, who now lives in Edgbaston, recently visited Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre where South Staffs Musical Theatre Company will be presenting the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical from Tuesday to Saturday, October 9 to 13.

Stage star Jean came to give advice for the Black Country's Maria, Claudia Gilmour, of Wolverhampton, who will star in a seven performance run of the epic musical.

The Sound of Music, famous for such songs as Climb Ev'ry Mountain and My Favorite Things, is based on the true story of how the Von Trapp Family singers escaped Nazi-run Austria.

Singing

Eighty-year-old Jean was told that she had won the role by Richard Rodgers at a New York hamburger stand more than 50 years ago.

She told Claudia: "When you sing Do-Re-Mi focus on each child. It can be hard because your are thinking about your own words but it will be worth it."

The role of Captain Von Trapp will be played by Tim Brown, of Bridgnorth.

The children are played by Ellie Griffiths, 17, of Bridgnorth, Isabelle Westley-Smith, 9, of Stourbridge, Lucy Toor, 9, of Tettenhall, Fiona Winning, 10, of Tettenhall, Thomas Withers, 11, of Kingswinford, Abigail Strudwicke, 13, of Codsall, Luke Bennett, 14, of Wolverhampton, Lucy Foley, 12, of Lichfield, Emily Daniel, 11, of Cannock, Tom Harrison, 14, of Penkridge, Poppy Thompson, 14, of Wolverhampton, and Jack Harrison, 13, of Penkridge.

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NEWS

Petition plea to lower speed limit near school

CAMPAIGNERS targeting speeding drivers near a Stourport school have handed a petition to council bosses.

They want the speed limit to be cut along Princess Way, Areley Kings.

Around 260 residents and parents, have signed the petition demanding speeds are slashed outside St Bartholomew's Primary School.

The campaign was launched by resident Ray Kilgour who wants Worcestershire County Council to cut the limit from 30mph to 20mph.

Mr Kilgour, aged 75, who has lived in Princess Way for more than 30 years, says action needs to be taken before a serious accident happens.

"We don't want anyone getting hurt," he said. "I've had a lot of support for the petition."

Safety

Mr Kilgour gave the petition to county councillor John Thomas who in turn presented it to transport chiefs at County Hall last week.

"I'm fully behind it," Councillor Thomas said. "I've been a councillor for four years now and this subject has been bought up time and time again so everyone seems to be in agreement."

County transport chief Councillor John Smith has pledged to see what can be done to make the roads safer.

The campaigners were joined by Wyre Forest MP Mark Garnier as they talked to parents at the school last Friday.

They wanted to raise awareness of safety with families collecting their children from the school.

Residents have previously reported large vehicles parked in the road causing a nuisance and a potential obstruction to emergency vehicles.

MP Mark Garnier, left, with campaigners Ray Kilgour, Cliff Brewer, Julian Phillips, County Councillor John Thomas and Jim Parish

Solicitors in cut-price offer for charity

KIDDERMINSTER'S largest law firm is launching a discounted will-writing promotion to raise money for blind and partially-sighted people. MFG Solicitors' Kidderminster office will offer its cut-price service fromOctober 8-19, to coincide with World Sight Day on October 11. All the income generated will go to the Kidderminster branch of Worcestershire charity Sight Concern.

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Bus pass is lifeline for elderly

I UNDERSTAND the Government is thinking of stopping the free bus pass for pensioners as it is costing too much money.

Most of the Government are young working people and do not seem to have any concept of what it is like to be a pensioner.

The bus pass is the lifeline of many pensioners who, because they cannot carry heavy shopping bags, have to go out regularly and shop for a little at a time. Bus fares are high. A trip into town would cost almost £4 return and to go two or three times a week would be almost £50 a month.

This is a lot of money out of a budget that is already stretched to the limit with rising energy and food bills.

The pensioners will either stay at home and not spend at all, or pay on the bus and spend less in the shops so the pensioner and the shops both lose out. I know of many pensioners who go out to lunch as the cost of cooking at home has increased so much and many cafes offer pensioner prices.

Some might only have a cup of tea but for many this is their social life, If they have to pay bus fare it will not be worth it so then again, the pensioner and the cafe owners will lose out.

Free bus passes are just like a small addition to the pension and why should they not have a perk?

Most of them have paid into the system all their lives. There are many ways of saving money without penalizing the vulnerable, and some of the pensioners could give the government a lesson in how to do it!

Jenny James,
Dock Road,
Stourbridge.

A patient's thanks for life-saving services

THE NHS receives numerous adverse remarks, but I must thank the Sandwell Hospital, West Bromwich, Critical Care Ward, Mr Hammed, Mr Patel, follow up support sister, Lucy, and Critical Care Sister Lesley, following my cardiac arrest at West Bromwich Albion Football Club, April 28, for their wonderful service.

This also goes for New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, Cardiothoracic Ward, headed by Mr Billing and ward manager Dianne. The service, care and attention was wonderful.

I must praise WBA for their doctors, paramedics, security and ambulance services. Without their well planned emergency section, I would not have had the chance to say thank you.

D Humphries,
Teasdale Way,
Stourbridge.

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Restore Hippodrome to its former glory

I SEE there is more controversy about Dudley Hippodrome. The council wants to make it into a car park after demolishing it.

This is terrible. It is a landmark in Dudley, and to think of the great stars that have performed there, Laurel & Hardy, Matt Monro, Al Martino, Roy Orbison, Max Bygraves, to name just a few.

If it was returned to its former glory, with big names and shows there, people would flock to see them, instead of having to go to Birmingham or Wolverhampton.

And when people get older they do not always want to travel out to these places.

So come on Dudley Council, pull your finger out and think again, as this theatre would make so many people like myself happy.

I have so many happy memories of it, having performed there as a singer many years ago with some of these stars. Let's keep it as it was meant to be – a live theatre.

Anita Williams,
Heronville House, Sedgley Road East, Tipton.

Fears of expense with little end result

I READ with trepidation of the scheme for Dudley Council to undertake extensive refurbishment at Elizabeth House, Holloway Chambers and Holloway Hall in Priory Street, Dudley.

If this scheme is anything like the one on The Crown pub in Wolverhampton Street, we taxpayers are in for a lot of expense with nothing to show for it.

If the Townscape Heritage Initiative funded The Crown I suggest they come and inspect the end result and question how long this building has been left empty.

In my opinion Dudley Council has a finger in too many pies at the present time.

Mrs L Sheldon,
The Broadway,
Dudley.

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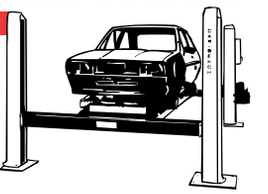

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NEWS

Families to have fun and get help at the same time

Audience can solve mystery

Robert Myler and Claire Worboys rehearsing for the murder mystery

THRILLS galore are on offer at murder mystery evenings at Worcestershire County Museum, Hartlebury Castle.

Guests are treated to a three-course meal in the impressive surroundings of the castle's Great Hall while talented actors put on the show.

This year's mystery, What the Dickens?! is set in Victorian times and Dickens is visiting his friend the Bishop at Hartlebury Castle, when a body is discovered in suspicious circumstances.

Guests will get a chance to question the characters throughout the meal to see if they can help Dickens to work out who the murderer is. There is a prize for the most thoroughly thought-out answer.

The evenings take place on November 10 and 17, from 6.30-10pm.

Jonathan Darby, who leads the actors, said: "Murder mystery nights are always great fun, for the actors as well as the guests.

"The atmosphere is always great and we tend to end the evening with a bit of a sing-song too."

Tickets are £32.50 and must be prebooked from 01299 25016.

FAMILIES in Worcestershire are being invited to a fun-filled event which could prove highly useful for them.

The County Council is inviting people to the event where they can find out more about Children's Centre Online.

It's on tomorrow (Friday) from 9am to 4pm, at The Hive in Worcester. People will be able to use free computers to get their family questions answered.

And from 11am to 12.30pm and 2-3pm children will be able to take part in free, exciting activities including competitions.

Children's Centre Online is a new website giving advice and support to families round the clock, on issues such as child routines, domestic abuse, communicating with your baby, post-natal depression and more.

You can also search for answers to everyday family questions such as feeding, sleeping, baby blues and relationships.

Activities

The website will be showcased at the event, where staff will be on hand to answer any questions. Other online family websites can also be shown to parents and carers, covering such things as applying for school places, childcare, and family activities.

At the event families will be able to take part in activities including storytelling, rhythm & rhyme, digging for treasure, and colouring competitions. There will also be a special appearance from the very popular blue Bookstart Bear.

Cath Ellicott, Project Manager for Children's Centre Online said, "The event is a great way for families who are uncertain about using the internet to come along and see what support and information is available online.

They can then access the website whenever they need support. Anyone unable to go to the event can see Children's Centre Online by logging on to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/familyinfo and clicking on Children's Centre Online.

MEMORY LANE

A dirty job but someone had to do it – peeling potatoes was necessary

This Scout hut was replaced by the one that still stands in Ironstone Road

Chase Terrace Scouts take part in one of their successful stage shows

Reunion of Scouts as 1950s summer camps are recalled

Scout leaders enjoy one of the summer camps during the 1950s

Reunion organiser Dave Robinson as a boy with his elder brother

NEXT Thursday, On October 11, there will be a reunion of old Chase Terrace Scouts at the Spinney Club, Chase Terrace courtesy of David Robinson of Robinson's Butchers.

by Ron Bradbury

The collection of photos shown here are mainly of summer camps in Teignmouth, in Devon or at Shanklin on the Isle of Wight.

The Scoutmaster for many years was the revered Bert Wright and he can be seen on tone of the group photos.

Later, the Scout group was led by the much thought of Archie Smith.

The photos were taken in the early 1950s, and at this time the hotels and such like at Shanklin had not all re-opened after the war.

One photo shows a bunch of Scouts peeling potatoes – well someone had to do them if you wanted to eat.

Another photo shows some of the Scouts on Shanklin Station with suitcases etc, on their way home. The Isle of Wight were running ex-London Underground trains, and these still run today providing a bit of fun to the journey to Ryde. Back home the Scouts carried on with the fun with their gang shows, and one photo shows them on stage in what was usually a successful show.

The Scout hut shown is the one that was replaced by the building that stands in Ironstone Road to this day.

David Robinson is shown as a young lad on one of the photos with his elder brother's arm around him.

Any old Scouts wishing to attend the reunion an contact David via the Burntwood shop or the shop on the corner of Spinney Lane.

An old group shot featuring former Scoutmaster Bert Wright

A group of Scouts at Shanklin Station on the Isle of Wight

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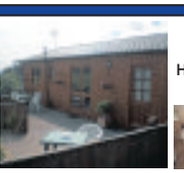

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Police plea after golf club arson

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Anyone with information can call Pc Kay Fillmore at West Mercia Police on 101 quoting incident 133-s-180912.

Alternatively, people can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

County's young poets can make their verses heard in competition

THE search has been launched to find this year's Worcestershire Young Poet Laureate.

Young people aged 13 to 19 can take part in the Word Up contest. Entrants must live in the county, or go to school, college, university or a youth club here.

To enter this year's competition young people need to submit two poems, one on the subject of stars and the other on a subject of their choice.

The best 15 will be invited to take part in a grand final in the New Year.

The 2011/12 winner, Rowan Standish-Hayes, is over half way through his reign and has enjoyed writing, performing and enthusing young and not-so-young people throughout the county.

Natalie McVey, of the Libraries and Learning Service, said professional performance poets Spoz and Matt Windle would be involved in this year's project.

She said the organisers were keen to show that poetry could be exciting, funky and a great way of expressing thoughts and emotions.

She added: "We are looking for young people who can excite and dazzle us with their words, and to show Worcestershire that our young people have something to say'.

For more information anyone interested can contact Natalie on 07876 144 905, or visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/wordup

Word Up is part of a wider poetry agenda for young people in Worcestershire called 3 Verse, which encompasses Word Up, and the well-established Middle School and High School Poetry Slams, giving young people three opportunities to write and to perform.

Rowan Standish-Hayes with his trophy

Vacant unit opportunity for business

A VACANT industrial unit in Kidderminster has been put up for sale.

The 3,963 sq ft unit is at the Coppice trading estate off Walter Nash Road West.

The newcomer would join firms such as Glassfibre Solutions Ltd, Nicol Transmissions, The Button Badge Co Ltd and Redspeed International Ltd at the site.

Charlotte Fullard, of Halls Commercial, said: "It would suit a manufacturing or production business, but the property can be adapted for three small start-ups."

Little Dahlings in dress-up day

Dressed up for a memorable day are James Marlow, Eleanor Fryman, Sofia Harris-Potts, Evangeline Atkinson, Annabella Gran and Eve Williams

HOLY Trinity International School's prep pupils had a "Big Friendly Oompa-Loompa" time as they dressed up as Roald Dahl characters.

As Oompa-Loompas, Willy Wonkas and Big Friendly Giants, the children took part in an assembly for parents before parading round the school and taking part in activities during the day.

Head of Prep, Jon Brunt, explained: "The day was part of The Dahlicious Dress Up Day to help raise money for the writer's children's charity, the Marvellous Children Charity.

"The costumes were fantastic, and we would like to thank everyone for supporting the causes the children help raise funds to support."

Every child in the prep school donated £1 to take part in the dress-up day. The money will go towards specialist nursing and equipment to support children with rare neurological and blood conditions.

On course to be a leader of walks

A NEW one-day course to introduce people to the skills needed to lead group walks in the countryside takes place at Worcestershire County Council's Countryside Centre.

The course is at the Countryside Centre, Worcester Woods Country Park, on Saturday between 9.30am and 4.00pm, at a cost of £35 per person.

The course covers such things as how to lead a guided walk or event, the preparations and equipment needed, understanding basic maps and trails, and health and safety issues. There will be a walk through Worcester Woods Country Park in the afternoon.

Lynn Yendell, the county council's community greenspace officer, said: "This course is ideal for anyone interested in leading groups of people out into the countryside."

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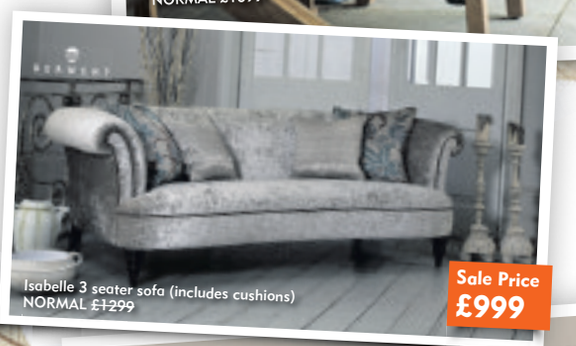

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£1m investment as Denture Clinic expands into Wolverhampton

A BLACK Country dental business which focuses on solving problems for denture wearers has launched a new practice in Wolverhampton as part of a £1m development plan.

The Denture Clinic project, which will see a massive redevelopment of its existing premises in North Street, Dudley, is simultaneously setting up a new operation on Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton.

Principal Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng), whose work has attracted patients from as far away as Spain, said just like the Dudley clinic, the new practice will offer patients hand-crafted dentures, prescribed and manufactured on the premises, as well as other services.

Extra staff have been taken on, including a new dentist, practice manager, dental nurse and two technicians, following the completion of a deal to buy Dudley's North Street premises and general practice and develop new work in Wolverhampton.

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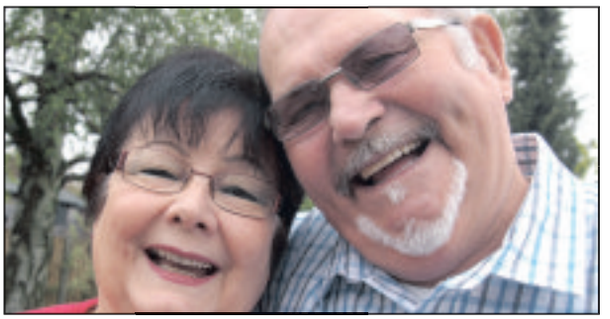

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Athlete Bolt inspires art at uni show

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Get on the Bus is a project organised by graduates and students as part of Black History Month.

The exhibition includes work inspired by athlete Usain Bolt and Wole Soyinka, the first African to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. The project is on display in the Long Gallery in the School of Art and Design until October 30 from 10am-5pm.

Teaching enterprise at school can breed success, says charity

AN entrepreneur has been recognised as an example of how succeed in business, despite a recession.

Evan Parsons, aged 48, was profiled in a Kingston University publication which examined the effectiveness of the charity Young Enterprise, which helps 15 to 18-year-olds set up and run businesses under the guidance of volunteer mentors.

The report found that young people given such opportunities while at school were almost twice as likely to launch firms in later life. Mr Parsons took part in the charity's programme in Halesowen while he was at Leasowes High School, aged 16. His company, Formula Six, made drinks coasters using scrap off-cuts from a press-work business.

He later became a purchasing and IT manager for Kidderminster-based manufacturer Titan Steel Wheels Ltd, before setting up two businesses, pony breeding company Quinton Stud Farm, and property firm Parson's Choice.

Mr Parsons who lives in Droitwich with wife Sue, said: "I started in 1980 and the economic climate was really bad. It was a tough time and going on Young Enterprise definitely helped.

"I had this aim that when I got to 40 I wanted my own business, so I left my job in 2003 and set up my own company."

The report comes as new research shows that 64 per cent of West Midland teenagers fear unemployment because of the recession.

David Barker of Young Enterprise said: "Giving teenagers the chance to learn how to run a business in the classroom has a dramatic impact in later life."

Successful – businessman Evan Parsons

Discount for garden waste offer

RESIDENTS are being offered a discount if they sign up to Wyre Forest District Council's garden waste scheme in October.

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Pair set themselves a mountainous task

Richards Flowers and Dave Hubbard ready to climb

A PAIR of step brothers are climbing the highest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales to raise at least £1,500 for Macmillan nurses.

Dave Hubbard, aged 18, of Alderton Drive, Bradmore, and 27-year-old Richard Flowers, from Grantham, aim to conquer Ben Nevis, Snowdon and Scarfell Pike tomorrow (Friday).

They are taking on the challenge to say a thank you to the charity after its staff played an important role in helping Richard's mother and her family cope with skin cancer.

Richard said: "She was diagnosed about a year go and since then the Macmillan nurses have been with us all the way."

For details visit www.justgiving.com/richardflowers31

Parents protest at nursery closure

PARENTS and children are protesting against a company's proposals to close workplace nurseries based at HM Revenue and Customs offices across the UK, including one in Wolverhampton.

The Public and Commercial Services union said the nurseries, at eight offices across the UK,were used by local families as well as HMRC staff.

HMRC said the company which runs the nurseries has decided to close them, and due to a decline in demand, the contract will not be re-let.

A spokesman said: "HMRC has a responsibility to treat all staff fairly, so has decided the fairest way to help with childcare for all staff, is to provide childcare vouchers to those eligible.

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CLUB NEWS

Costume designer gives talk

KIDDERMINSTER & DISTRICT SOROPTIMISTS

AT THE first speaker meeting after the summer break, Jen Eglinton recounted her artistic career which has led her to becoming artistic director at the Rose Theatre in Kidderminster.

Her love for theatrical design began with the influences of her mother and grandmother passing on dressmaking skills.

After taking a course in theatrical design at art college, she worked at the Birmingham Rep before moving to London and spending time at the Drama Academy in Kensington and with an international costumier.

Back to the West Midlands, Jen was involved with the Hagley Theatre Group and a further spell with the Birmingham Rep making costume accessories. She also made bridal tiaras and hats for a local shop.

The next speaker and supper meeting is on October 18 at La Brasserie, Kidderminster, at 7.30pm. Speaker will be Helen Allen, a retired assistant chief probation officer.

On October 20, the club holds a joint charity evening at Heightington Village Hall – Casino Royale, supported by Kidderminster Lions and Bewdley Rotary.

Proceeds to Women's Aid. Tickets are £10, to include a supper and stake money. Call Shirley Bonas on 01299 400742 or Liz Broadfield on 01299 401253.

Fascinating account of Norwegian PoW

Guild members do the Mo-Bot in honour of double Olympic champion Mo Farah

SEDGLEY MORNING TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

THE club was pleased to welcome Mrs Bose to speak about her work with the babies and children in an orphanage in Kolkata.

It was special to welcome Mrs Bose, as over the last 12 months guild members have been knitting teddies and blankets, making bags, purses and other items for the children and babies in the orphanage, which Mrs Bose takes on her visits to Kolkata. It was good to hear how these items are used and how the children enjoy receiving them.

For the August outing, the guild had a tour round the Cotswolds, with coffee at Stow-in-the-Wold, lunch at Bourton-on-the-Water and a cream tea at The Mill, Lower Slaughter.

On September 13, 13 members took part in a sponsored walk at Himley Hall Park as part of a national sponsored walk from Land's End to John O'Groats in aid of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. The miles walked by members from all over the country will be added together to total 874.

At the September meeting Ellie Targett gave a talk entitled "Another Man's Shoes". This was a fascinating account of her father, Sven Somme, a Norwegian scientist who escaped from German custody during the Second World War after his arrest for spying.

Sixty years after her father's escape, Ellie her sister and others set out to retrace the journey her father took and is all documented in a book "Another Man's Shoes".

Awards for long service

WOLLASTON "E" TOWNSWOMEN

CHAIRMAN Jean Latham welcomed 43 members and a visitor to September's meeting. A minute's silence was observed for Rosalie Parry.

Long service awards were presented to Ruth Danks and Gwen Hill.

Certificates for taking part in the crown green bowls finals at Chester were presented to Sue Ward and Jill Perry. The Macmillan Walk raised £162. Thanks also to the "Amblers", who have raised money for the Carers Association. Forthcoming events include a skittles evening on October 17 at Stourbridge Institute and theatre visit to see 42nd Street in Wolverhampton.

Speaker was Graham Sutherland with stories of "wicked women". Competition winners were Jean Latham and Pat Archer. Raffle prizes went to Janet Hodder and Pat Steel.

On October 9 Eva Taylor will speak on the McDonald sisters.

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Family fun and activities lined up

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Festival organisers say they have joined forces with Harvest Fair celebrations to stage the exciting and fun activities.

Outside the Bewdley Museum in Load Street, the Wytchwood Morris Dancers will be providing vigorous entertainment.

From 11 to 4pm there will be a craft market on Severnside South, apple pressing at the museum, and town walks organised by the Civic Society.

Suffolk Punch horses will parade in Load Street between 11.30am and 1pm.

For those made hungry by the entertainment, the popular Harvest Soup Trail will take place from noon to 4pm.

Tickets at £2 are available from the deli and the farm fhop, which will let people try seasonal soups in eight different venues.

You can vote for your favourite soup and even win a Severn Valley Railway family ticket.

Shop windows in the town will be decorated with a silver theme and the Book Drop plastic bags will have free books for people to read and pass on.

Excitement builds in town as start of festival looms

EXCITEMENT is rising as the 25th Bewdley Festival prepares to kick off in style at the Mercure Hotel tomorrow (Friday) with the legendary group, The Zombies.

"We have been planning this feast of entertainment for a year," said a spokesman, "and we can't wait to greet the first audiences."

by Tim Spiers

Tickets for The Zombies, Tim Brooke-Taylor on Sunday night, and the Mediaeval Baebes on Thursday are available, but evenings with Barbara Dickson, Ruby Turner, Neil Oliver, Alistair McGowan, and Michael Portillo, and the party night with Mike Sanchez are sold out.

Tickets are still available for the 4.30pm matinee with Michael Portillo. All these events are at the Mercure.

Talent

The Max Keen lecture on Tuesday morning has sold out but tickets are available for the rest of the daytime programme.

One of the highlights will be the world-famous Brodsky Quartet at 2.30pm on October 7 at St Anne's Church, playing work by Verdi, Wolf, Purcell and Britten.

Other daytime events all take place in Bewdley Baptist Church, beginning at 2.30pm on Saturday with Shylock, the one-man show in which Guy Masterson demonstrates an amazing talent.

There are appearances at by Matthew Williams, the curator of Cardiff Castle (Monday, 2.30pm); the Barnsley poet, Ian McMillan (Tuesday); Vanessa Berlowitz, producer of The Frozen Planet (Wednesday); Sally Nillson, great grandaughter of the last man at the wheel of the Titanic (Thursday);Rainer Hersch (Friday); and TV vet Steve Leonard (Saturday).

In addition there are two morning events of special local interest, both at 10.30am at the Baptist Church.

On Wednesday Stephen Price will talk about Bewdley Museum, and on Thursday Bewdley man Tony McDowell will discuss threats to your computer security.

Tickets are available by calling the box office on 01905 611427 or from Bewdley Tourist Information Centre, Load Street, Bewdley.

Leading artists put their work on show

A canal view by Paul Hipkiss, on show until November 3

Part of a piece by Dennis Minchin

THIS year Bewdley Festival offers two contrasting but equally interesting art exhibitions.

Face to Face in Bewdley Museum's Wyre Forest Gallery from tomorrow (Friday) to November 18 features the work of Dennis Minchin, who trained at the Birmingham College of Art.

He has exhibited in prestigious galleries at home and abroad, winning a variety of prizes.

In the work on show in Bewdley he juxtaposes famous portraits with other figures, animals and objects, creating vividly colourful pictures. While large parts of his paintings stay close to the originals, by making the viewer look at them anew he alters and extends their meanings.

A Fine Cut in Bewdley Library Gallery from today (Thursday) to November 3, is an exhibition of prints by Paul Hipkiss who is fascinated with Midland canals.

Council re-starts lollipop crossing

A SCHOOL crossing patrol in Kidderminster that was withdrawn over fears that speeding drivers were putting lives at risk has been re-instated after part of the road was closed off.

Council chiefs stood the lollipop warden down after "several near miss incidents" in Birmingham Road when drivers ignored road markings, and police and Worcestershire County Council's school crossing patrol supervisor took over.

But the problem lane with hatched markings has been coned off and bosses say it is safe for the crossing to start again.

Solution

It is used by pupils at Offmore Primary and King Charles I schools.

Worcestershire County Council spokesman Paul Whittaker said: "Because of irresponsible motorists we had to temporarily remove the school crossing patrol.

"We've worked with the police to find a solution as quickly as possible and following the coning off of the hatched lane – which some drivers were travelling in illegally – the patrol is now back on-site."

Wyre Forest District and Worcestershire County councillor Fran Oborski said: "I'm delighted that the crossing has been returned."

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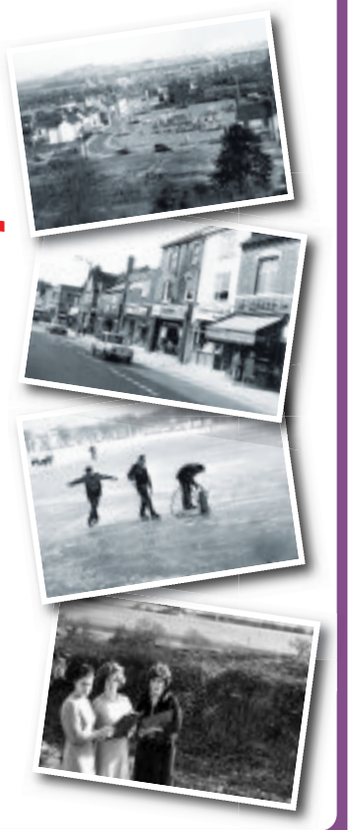

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Teenager is locked up for attack on boy in street

A TEENAGER who left a 16-year-old boy with brain damage after an attack has been locked up.

Kevaughn Redden, also aged 16, punched Conor Southall in the face with in Halesowen on June 15.

The impact knocked the victim, from Oldbury, unconscious. He suffered head injuries when his head hit the pavement.

At Dudley Youth Court last week, Redden, of Long Lane, Halesowen, was sentenced after pleading guilty to causing grievous bodily harm.

This is the first time he can be identified after reporting restrictions were lifted following an application by the local press.

Imposing an 18-month custodial sentence, chairman of the bench, Kenneth Slater, told Redden he had been reckless as to the consequences of his action.

He said: "This will never be over for Conor Southall. You will have to live with that for the rest of your life."

The court heard the victim was with a friend when they saw three teenagers including the defendant in Olive Lane, Halesowen. Mr David Truelove, prosecuting, said: "It was entirely unprovoked and the one blow caused Conor Southall to sustain catastrophic injuries."

The court heard Conor now requires round-the-clock care..

Mr Shabeer Qureshi, defending, said Redden denied intending the harm caused. "He accepts causing the harm, he accepts it was a blow he dealt, but he has always denied he intended the harm caused," he said.

Speaking directly to the magistrates, Redden said: "I do regret what I have done."

Centre fit to be with best

Site fitness co-ordinator Kevin Daly celebrates the bronze award with staff Luke Fidoe and Ian Horton and other members of the gym

SMETHWICK Swimming Centre has been crowned one of the best health clubs or leisure centres in the region.

The centre in Thimblemill Road won bronze in the West Midlands (North) division of the national Health Club of the Year awards. The competition, in its second year, attracted more than 400 entries nationally. Kevin Daly, site fitness co-ordinator, said: "This is a fantastic achievement. This award takes into account feedback from our members."

The centre, known to many as Thimblemill baths, will celebrate its 80th anniversary next year.

Staff from the centre picked up the award in Birmingham. The centre is managed by Sandwell Leisure Trust.

Guided ramble in wood

A FIVE-MILE guided woodland ramble over the Clent Hills, near Stourbridge, will be held on October 10, starting at 10am.

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CAROLINE 42yrs, slim attractive blonde. Varied interests and solvent. WLTM honest male of any age. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 395675**

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MORAG 21yr old attractive dark haired student nurse, new to area and very lonely seeks mature male for mutual companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 391087**

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 384852**

LOVING caring young 67yr old female, 5ft 2ins, slim size 12, brown hair, likes meals out, GSOH, smoker, seeks slim, smart male with GSOH, 58-62. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 364651**

STACEY young 20yr old looking for fun. Call me to find out more. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 382091**

JANE 46, single mum, N/S, romantic, likes dancing, nights out, music, seeking male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 380591**

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IRENE 55, blonde hair, brown eyes, loving, caring, genuine, N/S, lots of love to give, seeks male, 55-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392807**

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IAN 44, single dad, loving, caring, honest, seeks similar female, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392874**

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SINGLE dad, 39, on a budget, seeking an outgoing, fun female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393012**

42YR old single dad, nice looking, genuine, honest, seeking special female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396611**

HEREFORD male, 46, looking for single lady, slim, attractive, adventurous for fun and good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 396705**

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What's On! Kidderminster

Omnia Opera set for homecoming

KIDDERMINSTER'S own Space Rock band Omnia Opera return to their home town to play at the Boars Head pub on October 20.

They lived and performed in the town in the 80s and 90s and are back in action with pretty much all the original members and a new album.

This will be their first gig in Kidderminster for some 20 years, and the Boars Head was the venue for the band's first gig back in 1986, so it will be a memorable homecoming.

They will be joined by Socio Suki and DJs Chris Attwood and Matt Right. It starts at 8.

Youth theatre in musical offering

HAGLEY Theatre Group's youth section stages the musical Jekyll and Hyde later this month.

It will be at the Hagley Community Centre on October 10, 11, 12 and 13, at 7.30pm.

The youngsters will be following their successful productions of Beauty and the Beast and Guys and Dolls.

Tickets at £8 and £6 for concessions are available by phoning 07907 457217 and from Paddock Butchers in Hagley.

Diesel-only gala

A THREE-DAY Diesel Enthusiasts' Gala will see a diesel-only timetable operating on the Severn Valley Railway from today until Saturday. To book tickets visit www.svr.co.uk

Great Expectations for a gothic take on Charles Dickens classic

A NEW stage version of Charles Dickens' Great Expectations is coming to Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre before being staged in London's West End.

The classic Victorian novel, about the sudden elevation of young blacksmith Pip into middle class society thanks to a mystery benefactor, has recently been turned into a popular BBC TV series, with Gillian Anderson as the wraith-like manipulator Miss Haversham.

That same role will be played by Helena Bonham Carter in the forthcoming movie version.

In this new stage adaptation by playwright Jo Clifford, Dickens' novel has been condensed into just over two hours of action set in Miss Haversham's grand gothic dining room.

Paula Wilcox (Hilary Potts in Emmerdale) will play Miss Haversham with Chris Ellison (from The Bill) as escaped convict Magwitch and Jack Ellis (from Coronation Street) as the lawyer Jaggers. The role of young and old Pip will be shared by two actors.

Directed and co-designed by Graham McLaren, who made the National Theatre of Scotland's acclaimed production of A Christmas Carol, it has been described as a quick-fire and audacious production.

It is on from October 9-13.

Gothic expectations – a sene from the new touring production of Great Expectations

Festival is to take over city

DESPITE the chill in the air, the festival season is not quite over, though it has gone indoors.

The 2012 OxjamBrum Takeover Festival, on for 12 hours from 2pm on Saturday, October 13, will feature gigs at several city centre venues featuring singer/songwriter Scott Matthews and more than 40 other acts in aid of Oxfam.

P!nk

Wristbands cost £10 in advance, for details see the oxjambrum.org.uk website.

Other gig news includes P!nk announcing a second gig at the LG Arena. She will be appearing on April 21 and 22 next year. Tickets cost from £39.50 to £46 plus fees. Call 0844 338 8000.

Tour is top of the flops

THE stage tour of Top of the Pops Live, which was due to visit Wolverhampton and Birmingham, has been cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

The show, starring TV and radio presenters Sam Nixon and Darlaston-born Mark Rhodes, had been due to be staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from October 29 to November 3. It has also been due at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from March 4 to 9 next year.

Show producers Flying Entertainment said they made the decision to cancel due to "disappointing demand" across the country.

Grand Theatre spokeswoman Vicky Price said theatre bosses were "frustrated" because more than £3,000 worth of tickets had been sold. "This suggests it would have been popular with Wolverhampton theatre goers," she said.

Anyone who has already booked can get a full refund from the venue box offices.

Award-winner is to take the stage

THE Nonentities present The Weir in the Studio at The Rose Theatre on October 8-14

The Weir is a frank portrayal of life in a small Irish bar. Sometimes funny, sometimes eerie, sometimes sad, but at all times very honest.

At its heart it is a play about storytelling and it has been described as beautifully devious, spell-binding and a modern masterpiece. It has won a multitude of awards.

To book tickets call the box office on 01562 743745.

Concerts set to boost charities

MUSICIANS take to the stage at charity concerts Your Music tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday at Kidderminster Town Hall.

Charities which will benefit from the concerts include Kemp Hospice, Cancer Research UK Wyre Forest, Kidderminster and District Prostate Cancer Support Group, and League of Friends of Kidderminster Hospitals.

Tickets are available rom Kidderminster Town Hall or by calling 01562 751753.

Day of dancing

MORRIS dancers hold a day of dance in Bewdley on Sunday.

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SATURDAY'S TV 6.10.12

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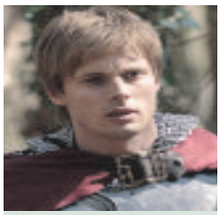

Bradley James

Merlin
BBC1, 7.45pm
It seems the world can't get enough of the Beeb's Arthurian adventure saga, so there will be a lot of happy fans when the saga returns for a fifth run this week. In the opener, Camelot looks more prosperous than ever, but in the frozen north, men are vanishing without explanation. King Arthur (Bradley James) and his knights risk life and limb to find out why, but to get answers, Merlin must first fight a battle that pushes him to his limits. As ever, the cast includes Richard Wilson as Merlin's mentor, Gaius with Angel Coulby and Katie McGrath.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **2.15** Bargain Hunt. **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** News; Regional News. **5.30** All New Total Wipeout.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the second of this weekend's live shows, as the remainder of the couples take to the floor with either a cha-cha-cha or waltz. Zoe Ball returns with Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two on Monday.

7.45 Merlin. New series. King Arthur and his knights travel to the frozen north in search of several men who have disappeared, only for Merlin to find himself battling fate itself.

8.30 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. High-tension quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Sisters Sonia and Soraya attempt to win the top prize of £100,000.

9.20 Casualty. Denise announces she is leaving Holby with the children, leading a devastated Linda to throw herself into her work, while a patient alerts the staff to a thief in the ED.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day; Including highlights of Manchester City v Sunderland; National Lottery Update.

11.50 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.05 Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.05** Animal Park. (R) **1.05 Film:** Tarzan's Greatest Adventure. (1959) **2.30 Film:** The Lizzie McGuire Movie. (2003) **4.00 Film:** Easy Virtue. (2008) **5.30** Wartime Farm. (R)

6.30 Flog It! Paul Martin meets members of the public keen to sell their belongings at auction in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. He also discovers how to make a traditional trug basket. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. Jones is given some black-market pigeons – but soon discovers they were taken from Trafalgar Square. Originally broadcast in October 1972. (R)

8.00 Servants: The True Story of Life Below Stairs. Pamela Cox unearths tales of servant rebellion during the Edwardian era, as employees began to question the merits of a life spent in service. (R)

9.00 QI XL. Extended version of the quiz. Stephen Fry poses questions about people whose names begin with "J" to Katy Brand, Sue Perkins and David Mitchell

9.45 Arena: Magical Mystery Tour Revisited. The making of the Beatles' TV film Magical Mystery Tour, which originally aired on Boxing Day 1967 at the height of the band's popularity – but was greeted with critical disdain.

10.45 Film: Magical Mystery Tour. (1967) Musical comedy, directed by and starring the Beatles.

11.40 How the Brits Rocked America: Go West. (R)

12.40 Sings the Beatles. (R) **1.40 Film:** Daddy and Them. (2002) **3.15** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The X Factor. (R) **12.40** ITV News; Weather. **12.45 Film:** Jurassic Park. (1993) **3.00 Film:** Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace. (1999) **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a fresh selection of comical clips filmed by viewers on their camcorders, mobile phones and webcams.

6.30 Fool Britannia. Hidden-camera show in which Dom Joly unleashes a host of pranks and oddball characters on unsuspecting members of the public across the nation.

7.00 Take Me Out. New series. A postman, a personal trainer, a musician and a student try to impress a new line-up of 30 single women.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary presents the first live studio round, as the 12 remaining acts take to the stage in the hope of impressing the judges and millions of viewers at home. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

10.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Stephen Fry and Taylor Swift.

11.20 ITV News; Weather.

11.40 Film: Before Sunset. (2004) Romantic drama sequel, starring Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy.

1.00 The Store. ITV News Headlines. **3.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** British F3. **6.55** International Volleyball. (R) **7.50** Channel 4 Presents – Jonnie. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Adele: Real Stories. **10.00** T4: Justin Bieber: London Live. (R) **10.50** T4: Revenge. **11.50** T4: Suburgatory. **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **4.20** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **4.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.25** Come Dine with Me: Ireland. **5.55** Come Dine with Me: Ireland.

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. A pagan witch voices her beliefs about over-population.

7.00 Jaws: The Great White Myth. The story of how Steven Spielberg's 1975 blockbuster about a great white shark terrorising a small island community had a massive impact on the world's oceans and their inhabitants.

8.00 Comedy World Cup. Andy Parsons, Jon Richardson and the Chuckle Brothers take on Omid Djalili, Daniel Sloss and Joe Pasquale as the comedy quiz tournament continues. David Tennant asks the questions.

9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Keith Lemon and Patsy Kensit team up for the quiz in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers. Davina McCall asks the questions.

10.35 Film: Panic Room. (2002) Thriller, starring Jodie Foster.

12.45 Film: Sancharram. (2004) **2.45** Hollyoaks. **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.30 Film:** The Towering Inferno. (1974) Disaster movie, starring Paul Newman and Steve McQueen. **2.40 Film:** 55 Days at Peking. (1963) Fact-based period drama, starring Charlton Heston. **5.40 Film:** Gremlins 2: The New Batch. (1990) Joe Dante's comedy sequel, starring Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates, John Glover and Christopher Lee.

7.50 5 News Weekend.

7.55 Film: Battle of Britain. (1969) RAF pilots under the leadership of Air Chief Marshal Hugh Dowding defend Britain from the might of the Luftwaffe. Second World War drama, with Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine.

10.20 CSI: Miami. The team investigates the assassination of a billionaire, and Lunan discovers the killing may be linked to a prototype for a revolutionary new bullet.

11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team investigates the shooting of a psychic in her occult shop. The empty till points to a robbery, but the post-mortem suggests the attack was premeditated. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** HouseBusters. Life-enhancing changes to a home. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. The gang tries to cheer up Milky. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. Big Chris forgets Marsha's birthday. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Live at the Apollo **9.45** Russell Howard's Good News **10.20** All American Dad Weekend

BBC Four
7.00 Human Planet **8.00** Explosions: How We Shook the World **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.40** The Story of Light Entertainment

ITV2
4.20 The X Factor **5.40 Film:** Free Willy (1993) **8.00 Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **10.20** The Xtra Factor **11.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip

ITV3
3.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.50** Murder, She Wrote **6.50** Foyle's War **9.00** Vera. DCI Stanhope investigates a murder at a remote cottage in Northumberland. **11.00** Crime Connections

ITV4
3.10 Film: Spartacus (1960) **7.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **8.00** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** Fire Down Below (1997) **11.10 Film:** The Howling (1981)

E4
3.00 Desperate Housewives **4.00** Revenge **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Suburgatory **9.00** David Blaine's Street Magic **10.00 Film:** Sex Drive (2008)

Film4
3.45 Meet Dave (2008) **5.30** Bride Wars (2008) **7.20** The Man (2005) Comedy, starring Samuel L Jackson, Eugene Levy and Miguel Ferrer. **9.00** Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) Director John Woo's action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise, Dougray Scott, Thandie Newton and Anthony Hopkins. **11.25** Saw II (2005)

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Andrew Marr

Andrew Marr's History of the World
BBC1, 9pm
Say what you like about Andrew Marr, his latest series is nothing if not ambitious. He has just eight weeks to explain, well, everything - although he's been surprisingly comprehensive thus far, having covered topics from humanity's earliest roots in Africa, the earliest civilisations, and the first great empires. And that was in just two episodes. This week, he looks at the spiritual revolutions that took place around the world between 300BC and 700AD. It was an age that saw Buddhism, Christianity and Islam develop.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.20** Cash in the Attic. (R) **2.05** Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Highlights. **4.05** A Question of Sport: 2012 Olympics Special. (R) **4.40** Points of View. **4.55** Songs of Praise. **5.30** Planet Earth Live: A Meerkat's Tale.

6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker explores Northumberland's bloody past, revealing why farmers had to build fortified houses, and Adam Henson finds out if dung beetles could help boost his crops. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. New series. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit RAF Marham in Norfolk, where items include a gold cup and a Victorian book. Red button viewers can play along by guessing valuations.

9.00 Andrew Marr's History of the World. The spiritual revolutions that shook the world between 300BC and 700AD.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Newcastle United v Manchester United.

11.45 Film: Halloween H20. (1998)

1.05 The Sky at Night. **1.25** Weatherview. **1.30** Sign Zone: Andrew Marr's History of the World. (R) **2.30** Holby City. (R) **3.30** The Paradise. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.30 Film:** Safari. (1956) **1.55 Film:** The Long Ships. (1963) **4.00** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Rugby League.

6.00 Great Barrier Reef. Monty Halls reveals how an array of creatures travels thousands of miles to visit the reef, and considers how climate change could affect its future. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and James May pay tribute to Swedish car manufacturer Saab, and Doctor Who star Matt Smith gets behind the wheel of the Reasonably Priced Car. (R)

8.00 Built in Britain. Part one of two. Evan Davis explores the engineering challenges facing 21st-century Britain and goes behind the scenes of projects updating the nation's infrastructure.

9.00 Dragons' Den. Two graduates seek funding for their update of a 200-year-old invention, which they believe will create a new form of street advertising.

10.00 Mock the Week. With guests Ed Byrne, Alun Cochrane and Gary Delaney. (R)

10.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With Wretch 32, Gareth Malone and guest host Example. (R)

11.00 Film: The Quiet American. (2002) Drama based on Graham Greene's novel, starring Michael Caine, Brendan Fraser, Do Thi Hai Yen, Rade Serbedzija and Tzi Ma.

12.35 Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Highlights. (R) **2.35** BBC News. **4.10** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.40** The X Factor. (R) **3.55** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **5.00** Downton Abbey. (R)

6.00 Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. Representatives from a luxury accommodation service visit a converted country barn. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.40 ITV News; Weather.

6.55 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Nicholas Owen, Laila Rouass, Vanessa Feltz and Tim Vine try to win cash for charity by outwitting one of the show's resident trivia experts. Bradley Walsh hosts. Last in the series.

8.00 The X Factor Results. Dermot O'Leary reveals the results of the public vote and the acts in the bottom two have to sing for survival. With performances by Leona Lewis and Ne-Yo.

9.00 Downton Abbey. Branson's political views land him in trouble, Ethel makes a difficult decision about her son's future, Anna is dispirited by Bates' silence, and Carson begins recruiting a footman.

10.05 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 The Classic Brit Awards 2012.

11.50 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.35** The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.40** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.30** Motorsport UK. **4.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** London Triathlon. **7.55** Channel 4 Presents – Lee. (R) **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35 Film:** My Best Friend's Wedding. (1997) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. **5.35 Film:** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs. (2009)

7.20 Channel 4 News.

7.50 4thought.tv. Professional dating coach and mother-of-two Bryony Anne Leatherbarrow shares her belief that human beings are at their best in romantic relationships.

7.55 The Political Slot. With Stratford-on-Avon MP Nadhim Zahawi.

8.00 Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home. The Grand Designs presenter searches for innovative off-grid solutions for his cabin, examining an experiment in north Wales where dog excrement is being used to create methane.

9.00 Homeland. New series. Return of the award-winning thriller starring Claire Danes and Damian Lewis. Carrie's mental health begins to improve – until an old asset resurfaces.

10.05 Friday Night Dinner. New series. Return of the comedy, starring Simon Bird.

10.35 Film: Bruno. (2009)

12.10 Comedy World Cup. (R) **1.05** American Football Live. **4.45** Grudge Match. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.05** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.10** Extraordinary Dogs. (R) **11.40** Inside Hollywood. (R) **11.50** Dallas. (R) **12.50 Film:** The Cannonball Run. (1981) **2.45 Film:** Hell to Eternity. (1960) **5.10 Film:** MacArthur. (1977)

7.35 5 News Weekend.

7.40 Film: Dumb and Dumber. (1994) A dimwitted duo embark on a chaotic cross-country trip to return a briefcase to its owner – unaware of the fortune within. Comedy, with Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels and Lauren Holly.

10.00 Film: Shoot 'Em Up. (2007) Premiere. Action adventure, starring Clive Owen.

11.45 Film: Kill Switch. (2008) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal.

1.35 SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Be Your Own Boss **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **9.00** All American Dad Weekend **10.00** American Dad! **10.45** Family Guy **11.25** Cuckoo **11.55** Russell Howard's Good News

BBC Four
7.00 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks **7.30** The Story of Light Entertainment **9.00** Neil Diamond: Solitary Man **10.00** Love Me Do 62 **11.00** The Best of Kenny Everett's Television Shows – Part 1 **11.35** Best Possible Taste: The Kenny Everett Story

ITV2
2.50 Film: Peter Pan (2003) **5.00** Take Me Out **6.05** Take Me Out – The Gossip **6.50 Film:** Back to the Future Part II (1989) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Girlfri3nds **11.45** Fearne and James Blunt

ITV3
4.50 Film: The Intelligence Men (1965) **6.55** Lewis **9.00** An Audience with Lionel Richie **10.05 Film:** Arthur (1981)

ITV4
11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship **6.00** Goodwood Revival 2012 **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** The Quest (1996) **11.00 Film:** We Own the Night (2007)

E4
3.20 Ugly Betty **4.15** New Girl **4.40** Suburgatory **5.10** Revenge **6.10** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Crocodile Dundee (1986) Comedy, starring Paul Hogan. **10.00** 2 Broke Girls **10.30** The Inbetweeners **11.35** New Girl

Film4
2.45 The 7th Voyage of Sinbad (1958) **4.30** Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home (1986) **6.55** She's the Man (2006) **9.00** Keeping Mum (2005) **11.05** The Escapist (2008)

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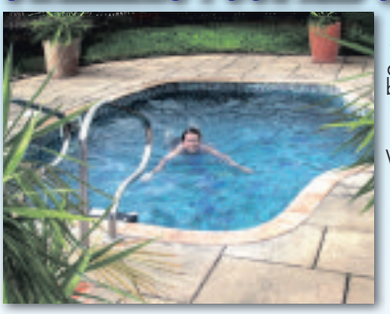

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
Kingdom of Heaven, Channel 5, 11pm
A French blacksmith joins a crusade to Jerusalem, where he becomes a knight and pledges to defend the city and its people. However, the ailing king has little time to live, while his hold on the fragile peace between Christians and Muslims looks set to slip as factions on both sides plan to seize power. Ridley Scott's historical epic, starring Orlando Bloom, Eva Green, Liam Neeson and Edward Norton. (2005)

TUESDAY
Mamma Mia!, ITV1, 8pm
A former member of a singing trio running a hotel on a Greek island is reunited with her old bandmates for her daughter's wedding – but is surprised when three of her old flames also show up unexpectedly. The three men have been invited by the bride, who wants to find out which one of them is her father. Musical comedy, with a soundtrack of Abba songs, starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Julie Walters, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgard and Amanda Seyfried. (2008)

Sliding Doors, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.15pm

WEDNESDAY
Sliding Doors, BBC1, 11.15pm
A London woman's entire life hinges on whether or not she catches a train. In one version of events, she gets the chance to start afresh and lead a happy new life, but in the other she is stuck supporting her lazy, unfaithful boyfriend. Comedy drama, presenting two parallel stories featuring the same character. Starring Gwyneth Paltrow, John Hannah, John Lynch, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Zara Turner, Douglas McFerran, Paul Brightwell and Nina Young. (1998)

THURSDAY
Mystery Woman: Oh Baby, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Amateur detective Samantha Kinsey discovers a body on a golf course and the police immediately suspect the groundskeeper, who goes on the run. However, the sleuth is convinced he is innocent – but she has more on her hands than just the case when the fugitive's wife asks her to look after their baby son. Detective drama, starring Kellie Martin and Clarence Williams III. (2006)

FRIDAY
The Draughtsman's Contract, BBC2, 12.55am
An English noblewoman employs an artist to paint pictures of her husband's estate in exchange for sex – and matters are soon complicated when her daughter becomes involved in the secret arrangement. Peter Greenaway's drama, starring Anthony Higgins, Janet Suzman, Anne-Louise Lambert and Hugh Fraser. (1982)

Pick of the Week

Young wizard makes another magical return

In 1979, the BBC made The Legend of King Arthur, a version of the oft-told tale of brave knights, legendary sword Excalibur and the Lady of the Lake.

Andrew Burt (Emmerdale's first Jack Sugden) played Arthur, and Robert Eddison (Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade) was his faithful sorcerer Merlin. It was worthy, but a bit dull; little wonder the seven-part saga died a death after one series.

These days many viewers want their Arthurian legends to look like Hollywood blockbusters rather than dusty old dramas, which is probably why Merlin is still going strong after four years.

Admittedly, there were a few problems when it debuted in 2008, not least a dragon with the voice of John Hurt who kept repeating the sorcerer's name every 30 seconds. Thankfully, the script has improved a lot since then, so there will be a lot of happy fans as the saga returns for a fifth run.

In the opener, Camelot looks more prosperous than ever, but in the frozen north, men are vanishing without explanation.

King Arthur (Bradley James) and his knights risk life and limb to find out why, but to get answers, Merlin (Colin Morgan) must first fight a battle that pushes him to his limits.

Of course, had the Harry Potter saga not been such a huge success, there's a good bet Merlin the series would have never been given a green light.

But with young British wizards being a lucrative commodity, creators Julian Jones, Julian Murphy, Johnny Capps and Jake Michie decided to strike while the iron was hot and get their show out to the masses.

With the first series averaging an audience of 6.2 million an episode, BBC bosses soon waved their magic wand and commissioned a second run. Why does series regular Anthony Head (Uther) think Merlin has succeeded where so many similar shows fail?

"If you handle fantasy right and don't take your audience for granted and basically try to push the envelope a little bit, you get a very interesting show," he explains. "People have tried before and failed because of not observing the above."

In the early days Head, who returns later in this run, was worried that the part of Uther would be a disappointment to himself and fans of the legend.

"When I first was offered the show I was a little worried that my character and the show might be a little bit two-dimensional, and might be a bit young," he admits "But I was assured right from the outset … that was not their intention and they wanted it to have several levels and basically give the audience plenty of dark to go with the light."

He adds "It's sold worldwide to an incredible number of territories and at the same time does really good business on the night."

Though the Beeb apparently planned five series from the outset, as many are transfixed by Merlin's magic, it wouldn't be much of a shock if he and Arthur returned for more after this run.

Colin Morgan stars in Merlin, Saturday, BBC1, 7.45pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
EastEnders
BBC1, 8pm
Poor Lola – she may be young, stroppy, and silly enough to be impregnated by her murderous cousin Ben, but that doesn't mean she doesn't want to be a good mum to her baby daughter. After a hearing at the youth court, Lola fears she might have lost Lexi for good, but Cora urges her to keep fighting for her child. However, she probably didn't think the troubled teen would take her words quite so literally, as Lola loses her temper and throws the social worker's notes across the room. That's really not the way to convince the authorities she can be a responsible mother.

Monroe
ITV1, 9pm
The Beeb may have cracked the art of creating long-running medical dramas such as Casualty and Holby City, but ITV1 have had trouble in that department. Medics, A&E and The Golden Hour have all come and gone, but as Monroe touched a chord with millions last year, there's a chance James Nesbitt's series could run and run. During the latest rounds, the eponymous neurosurgeon has to choose between trainees Springer and Wilson, both equally deserving of a place on his team, while Bremner and Shepherd's relationship shows signs of strain. Plus, Gabriel faces one of the most challenging cases of his career when he treats a woman with an aggressive brain tumour. Sarah Parish, Tom Riley and Neil Pearson also star.

TUESDAY
Emmerdale
ITV1, 7pm
There's not long to go until the folks of Emmerdale celebrate their 40th anniversary with a special live episode. However, while fans count the days until that event, there's still plenty to tide them over with this visit to Yorkshire's most scandal-riddled TV village. In the latest offering, Cain is concerned with Chas's cash flow problems, but she's adamant she doesn't need his help. Things take a dramatic turn when Cain tells Debbie it was Chas that robbed the pub. His concerned daughter wants answers, so little wonder Chas feels rotten as Debbie has a go at her for lying and letting Cameron get dragged into the accusations.

Person of Interest
Channel 5, 9pm
It's time to get Carter. No, not the character played by Michael Caine so memorably in the classic British gangster flick of the same name – and not the distinctly less fascinating one portrayed by Sylvester Stallone in the woeful US remake either. Instead, this Carter is a detective called Joss. Reese and Finch have to find a way to buy her silence – preferably by killing her. They draw up a list of three possible perpetrators, but they might not have to worry about her for much longer; a mysterious courier delivers a bunch of flowers with a note of condolence for Carter in light of her death. Has she really been wiped out, or are the very people who needed her dead now the only ones who can keep her alive?

WEDNESDAY
Grand Designs
Channel 4, 9pm
Kevin McCloud seems to be everywhere at the moment. This weekend (October 12-14) he's fronting Grand Designs Live in Birmingham; there's more Man Made Home on Channel 4 Sundays as he continues to work on his eco-shed, and now there's another new helping of the show that made his name. This week he's off to see a dramatic new cutting-edge home by the River Thames, the brainchild of Nigel and Lysette Offley. They want to build it in the middle of a community dominated by pricey traditional houses. Although many people would love to live in a charming old boat-house by the Thames, the Offleys have decided to tear the whole thing down and start again.

Grand Designs, Wednesday, Channel 4, 9pm

THURSDAY
Homefront
ITV1, 9pm
Claire should be beside herself with glee because Pete is home. The problem is, she hasn't yet told him she's got a job, and is busy trying to keep from him the fact that his teenage daughter, Millie, has been sleeping with Rob, one of the soldiers in his battalion. Incredibly, Claire is so busy she doesn't even notice that her own son, Sam, is so sick of having his stepsister steal the limelight from him that he's decided to leave home. Meanwhile, Tasha struggles to cope on her return to work and plans to set up her own business with her mum – until she catches Cheryl in bed with her boyfriend, who's determined to take her back to Spain with him.

FRIDAY
Live International Football
ITV1, 7.30pm
England welcome football minnows San Marino to Wembley Stadium for this evening's 2014 World Cup Group H qualifier, where anything other than an emphatic win for Roy Hodgson's men will be seen as a poor performance. There have only been two previous meetings between the nations, both of which were part of the qualifying process for the 1994 World Cup. While many familiar with that campaign will not remember the 6-0 victory claimed by England on home soil, most will recall the reverse fixture that saw England go a goal behind after just eight seconds when Davide Gualtieri capitalised on a short backpass by Stuart Pearce, a lead San Marino held for 20 minutes.

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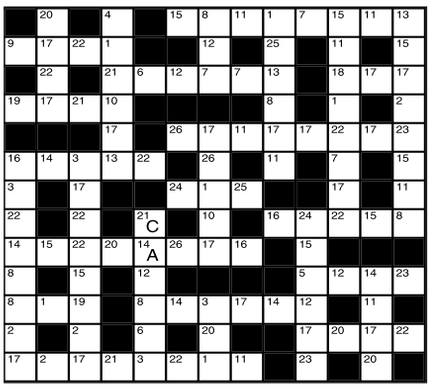

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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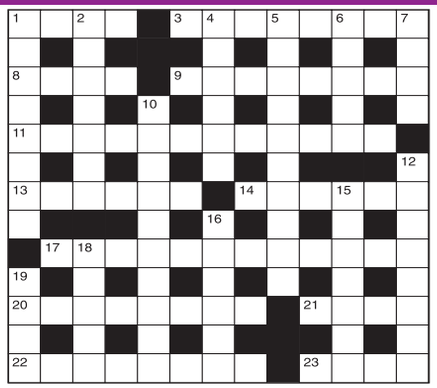
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Yet it's work for actors (4)
3. Variety of liquorice (3,5)
8. As an afterthought, they crawl (4)
9. Not accidentally engaged? (8)
11. A chess match, for example? (5,7)
13. Mail for the landlord (6)
14. One art that's becoming decorative (6)
17. He's responsible for the classroom's re-organisation (12)
20. For which one needs to be in fighting form? (5,3)
21. Sparkling wine from Castile (4)
22. High points of religious architecture (8)
23. Looks both ways (4)

Down

1. Don't miss the delivery, but co-operate (4,4)
2. Serpent has to stop on the road (7)
4. Bird allowed outside the inn (6)
5. Not as inert as loud (10)
6. Finally captured an earthwork (5)
7. Half of the record team (4)
10. Groundless rumour that there's unemployment? (4,6)
12. Almost a hit with the girl (4,4)
15. Its rate is adjusted for a professional performer (7)
16. Disturb a sleep, if you don't mind (6)
18. A girl left in custody (5)
19. Legislative measures followed by Romans (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Persia (4)
3. Cherished (8)
8. Locate (4)
9. To loose (8)
11. Mass (12)
13. Contemporary (6)
14. Revenue (6)
17. Bubbling (12)
20. Dreadful (8)
21. Moist (4)
22. Praised (8)
23. Pure (4)

Down

1. Example (8)
2. Object (7)
4. Fester (6)
5. Cunning (10)
6. Surpass (5)
7. Dispatch (4)
10. Unimportant (10)
12. Sixfold (8)
15. Daunt (7)
16. Develop (6)
18. Chief (5)
19. Footwear (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Yells in pain; 9 Arbutus; 10 Notch; 11 Bower; 12 Drawn up; 13 Cobble; 15 Repeal; 18 Earache; 20 Train; 22 Orate; 23 Parcels; 24 Reading lamp. Down: 2 Elbow; 3 Lateral; 4 Inside; 5 Panda; 6 Intense; 7 Gay bachelor; 8 Shapeliness; 14 Barrage; 16 Enthral; 17 Keep on; 19 Creed; 21 Abeam. QUICK - Across: 1 Catastrophe; 9 Failure; 10 Lotto; 11 Emend; 12 Ditches; 13 Absurd; 15 Gifted; 18 Holiday; 20 Solar; 22 Limit; 23 Transit; 24 Information. Down: 2 Agile; 3 Asunder; 4 Treads; 5 Owlet; 6 Hatchet; 7 After a while; 8 Considerate; 14 Solomon; 16 Instant; 17 System; 19 Ditto; 21 Lasso.

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New Mitsubishi is a workhorse which has stylish looks

IT has been some time since I last tested a Mitsubishi L200 and this model, the Trojan, has been reintroduced for 2012.

By Sharon Walters

It is aimed firmly at the building, plumbing, electrical and agricultural sectors and it is easy to see why.

Exterior-wise the Trojan looks every bit as rugged as its predecessor and in Cosmos Black pearlescent paint is pretty striking as well. It comes fitted with 16in alloy wheels, chrome door handles and wing mirrors which add to the overall appeal that has been a trademark of the L200 range.

Internally, the model I drove was not fitted out with the leather seats but this not detract from the look of the interior. What was a bit of a surprise was the dashboard. Although it was well laid out, it seemed to comprise acres of grey plastic. Eminently practical but lacking in aesthetics department, which given the target market will probably not matter one bit!

Keeping it clean will be an absolute doodle, however. The instrumentation is well laid out and easy to read on the move and the convenient layout shows which mode you are using from two wheel, four wheel or diff lock.

What is noticeable is the engine; I was surprised at just how noisy it was. Never completely intrusive but there nevertheless, although you do get used to it pretty quickly. On the positive side the engine has received a massive 30 per cent increase in power, taking it to 175bhp, which really shows and makes a much better proposition for long-distance work.

On the motorway you could leave it in top and use the power to overtake with ease. The gearbox is well suited to the power of the engine but I kept reaching for a sixth gear (it only has five). That said, the ratios seem well spaced, but I did not test it with a trailer so cannot speak for how well it would cope in these circumstances.

From a handling perspective I will repeat my mantra: coil springs on front; leaf springs on back equals bouncy rear end! It really does help the handling to have a load in the back of the pick-up bed as this softens the ride. This was most noticeable on the Shropshire lanes where it has to be said you became used to it pretty quickly, and it was never dangerous in any way.

On the motorway it was a completely different story. At 70 mph the Trojan settled down and worked extremely well and made cruising long distances a real joy.

Extras

The test car came with a couple of optional extras. The first was a towbar pack which looked well-made and rugged. The other was a load liner. The good thing about this was that it extended over the side rails so you aren't going to destroy the sides of the bed getting things in and out, but it was shiny and pretty much anything I put in it slid about, so some form of anti-slip is required.

The other criticism is how the bed drains. I found two holes at the front of the bed and could find nowhere where this water went other than drained along the steel bed underneath. Fine when brand new but seems like a serious rust trap to me. It would be far better to exclude these and make the bed watertight, that way parking on an incline and opening the tailgate works fine. Bearing in mind that this is aimed at traders I can't see this being a hardship.

The Trojan is unashamedly aimed at the people who will help Britain out of recession and as a practical pick-up it makes an ideal work companion. And if there are any builders interested I think we could probably get five, maybe six bankers in the pick-up bed. So if you need some ballast for your next job the Trojan will handle it with ease!

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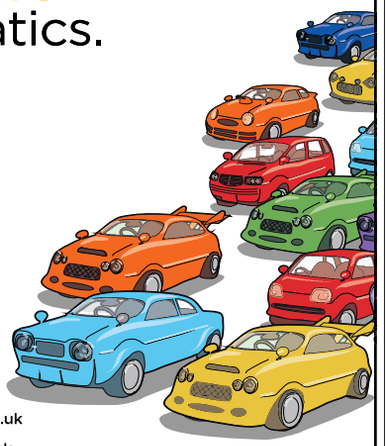

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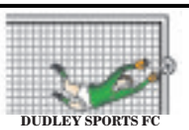

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Kidderminster & District

Saturday results

Premier: Areley Kings 2 Lodgefield Park 0; Dudley Villa 3 Dudley Wood Ath 0; Two Gates 3 Kings Heath OB 1; Wyre Forest 1 Kinver 5.

Worcs FA Saturday Minor Cup Round 1: Arrow 2000 5 Fairfield Villa Res 2.

Sunday results

Premier: Bromley 2 Harriers Trust 4; Franche VC 0 Grange Ath 4; Haden Rangers 1 Oakham Utd 0; Orton Vale 0 Woodside Utd 4; Phoenix Sp 2 Kingswinford 5; Wordsley 0 Alveley Soc 2.

Division 1: Caves 0 Taverners 1; Ocean Designs 2 Gornal Fiddle 2; Stour Park Rangers 4 Enville Ath 2; Stourbridge Rangers 7 Dudley Sports 1; Wilden Village 4 Bull And Bladder 1.

Division 2: Maypole Rangers 1 Olympic Sports 2; Royal Exchange 8 Kewford Eagles 1; Stourbridge Ath 2 Areley Kings 0; Wall Heath 3 Gigmill 2; White Horse Celtic 1 New Inn Sports 3.

Division 3: Cock And Magpie 4 Blue Brick 1; Lakeside United 2 Netherton Colts Sen 2; Sporting Club 2 Rock Sports 2; Wordsley Lions 1 Stourbridge Glassboys West 1.

Division 4: Netherton 3 Clarkes 2; Preston 2010 7 Abberley Vale 3; Tap House 12 Snooks Ath 0; Wollaston Lions 3 Brit Wollaston 5.

Division 5: Five: Hamilton Rangers 2 Barley Mow Wands 4; Mostyn Rangers Res 0 Norton J 4; Royal Exchange Res 1 Meadow Lark 4; Star 07 2 Withymoor West 0; Yew Tree 2 Lye 1.

Worcs FA Sunday Junior Cup Round 1: Kempsey 5 Waggon And Horses 3; Chaddesley Corbett 2 Rubery Social All Stars 3; Malvern Rangers 1 Sporting Hagley 4; New Barbourne 1 TS Units 5; Station 2 Blue Star 2.

Minor Cup Round 1: Bewdley Arches 9 Washford Lion Res 0; Bewdley Olympic 0 North Colts Utd 4; Clifton Rovers 2 Wilden Village Res 3; Forest Rangers 1 Inter Express 5; Gardeners Arms 1 Harriers Arms 3; Hangover 0 Plough Dukes 4; Hillgrove 1 King Billy 10; Hizza Utd 3 Ferndale 4; Marlpool Olympic 1 Arley 3; Pebworth 1 Mostyn Rgrs 6; Queens Head 0 Broadway Utd Res 3; Vale Wands 1 Areley Kings Res 3; Vizi Bar 2 Pockets 6; Wolverley Social 6 Trinity Sports 3.

Saturday fixtures

Premier: Areley Kings v Kings Heath Old Boys; Fairfield Villa v Wyre Forest; Kinver v Dudley Wood Athletic; Netherton Athletic v Two Gates.

Birmingham FA Saturday Junior Cup Round 1: Dudley Villa v Redditch Utd; Wednesfield RBL v Lodgefield Pk.

Sunday fixtures

Premier: Alveley Soc v Orton Vale; Harriers Trust v Haden Rgrs; Kingswinford v Franche VC; Oakham Utd v Bromley; Phoenix Sp v Wolverley Ath; Woodside United v Wordsley AFC.

Division 1: Bull And Bladder v Caves; Dudley Sp v Sporting Hagley; Gornal Fiddle v Enville Ath; Station v Ocean Designs; TS Units v Stourbridge Rgrs; Taverners AFC v Stour Park Rgrs; Wilden Village v Chainwire.

Division 2: Gigmill v Royal Exchange; Kewford Eagles v Waggon And Horses; Maypole Rgrs v White Horse Celtic; New Inn Sp v Areley Kings; Stourbridge Ath v Wall Heath.

Division 3: Arley v Cock And Magpie; Blue Brick v Wordsley Lions; Labour In Vain v Plough Dukes; Netherton Colts Sen v Bewdley Arches; Pockets v Sporting Club; Rock Sports v Royal Oak Celtic; Stourbridge Glassboys West v Lakeside United.

Division 4: Abberley Vale v Wilden Village Res; Brit Wollaston v Bewdley Olympic; Clarkes v Wollaston Lions; Ferndale v Netherton; Mostyn Rangers v Areley Kings Res; Queens Head v Tap House; Snooks Athletic v Preston 2010.

Division 5: Halesowen v Yew Tree; Harriers Arms v Royal Exchange Res; Lye v Hillgrove; Meadow Lark v Mostyn Rangers Res; Norton J v Marlpool Olympic; Star 07 v Forest Rangers; Withymoor West v Hamilton Rangers.

Bromsgrove Sunday Junior Cup Round 1: TS Units v Grange Athletic. **Minor Cup Round 1:** Chaddesley Corbett v Stoke Prior; Vizy Bar v Arrow Valley.

Birmingham FA Sunday Junior Cup Round 1: Olympic Sports v Wolverhampton Utd

Scrambled goal controversy in home loss

Stourport 0 Bristol Firebrands 2

STOURPORT ladies firsts went down to Bristol Firebrands in National Conference West.

Stourport calmed after a shaky start and enjoyed good periods of possession with the back three of Sophie Harris, Katie Robinson, and Heidi Devey linking well with the midfield of Sarah Cavendish, Rene Johnson, and Katie Miller.

A Lora Symonds shot was blocked by the keeper who came out quickly to stop Sade Gerald slotting home the rebound. Bristol scored a scrambled goal when the home defence stopped as Devey was hit on the hand and the ball allegedly struck a visitor's foot.

Stourport came out fighting in the second half with Johnson and Erin Preece pressuring. Cavendish narrowly missed with a reverse shot and saw another palmed away. Bristol got a second from a short corner.

Stourport 2 Warwick 1

The seconds got their first Midland Feeder West win after being 1-1 at half-time thanks to a goal from Liz Warne. Bethan Merriman got their winner.

Stourport Ladies Hockey

Stourport 1 Worcester 3

The home side created a lot of pressure in the first half but Worcester's keeper was in form and they took their chances to lead 2-0 at the break.

An excellent hit into the circle was deflected in by Abbie Yapp but, Worcester scored again.

Kings Heath 1 Stourport 2

The visitors were under the cosh in the opening 10 minutes as Kings Heath dominated and opened the scoring.

Stourport then played well, especially Chey West, Kathy Doyle, Hattie Cook, and Stourport's player of the match Eleanor Johnson. It was Johnson's drives into the 'D' that won the visitors two short corners, one of which saw West convert to level.

The points fell to Stourport as a short corner from Johnson was converted by a superb straight strike from West.

Barford Tigers 6 Stourport 0

Six first-half goals sealed the fifths' fate, in their first Worcestershire Third Division match.

Stourport defended stoutly and created chances but all changed as Barfords' first goal went in and the home side camped in their half.

A second goal followed shortly afterwards and there was an element of luck to a third.

Three further goals for Barford saw Stourport come out in the second half looking like a completely different side.

They pushed forward more regularly and looked likely to nick a goal. Their best chance fell to player of the match Jennie Gould, who broke from the centre of the pitch and advanced into the D only to see her effort go wide as she was confronted by the Barford keeper.

Leaders test warning proves to be prophetic

Old Laurentian RFC 36 Kidderminster Carolians 12

HEAD COACH Ian Bletcher's warning that Kidderminster Carolians faced their stiffest test so far against the early Midlands Two West (South) table-toppers proved prophetic.

The Marlpool Lane outfit lost and, for the first time this season, failed to pick up a point, ***writes Martin Easton.***

Kidderminster Carolians

Both sides missed a penalty but the home side went ahead after 10 minutes. A KCs up and under was taken by full-back Ben Wiles on his 22 and OLs ran the ball out of defence before putting flanker Rudi Reid clear for the try.

Midway through the half a penalty kick by fly-half Jon Bean hit KCs' post.

OLs ran the 22 drop out back for a second try.

Penalty

Five minutes later they kicked a penalty to touch and from a five-metre lineout set up a ruck before spinning the ball to left-wing Troy Owen who ran in a third try, converted by Bean for 17-0.

KCs' quickly-taken tap penalty by scrum-half Chris Pinner caught OLs napping and he put in centre Lawrence Hughes for a try which Pinner converted for 17-7.

Awarded a penalty right on OLs' line, KCs opted for a five-metre scrum but the defence held and hacked a loose ball deep into KCs' territory. They knocked on with the line beckoning.

KCs suffered a cruel blow on half-time as a loose ball at a ruck on halfway was picked up by OLs and outside centre Danny Murch ran in a breakaway try for 22-7.

Five minutes after the restart, a KCs move broke down and OLs took play up to Kidderminster's 22. Ruck ball found second row Ben Anderson on the left wing up against a prop forward and he had no trouble notching the home side's fifth try, improved by Bean.

KCs' determination was eventually rewarded as lock Rob Phillips sparked a phase of attacks and was in the right place to finish and cut the arrears to 29-12.

OLs underlined how dangerous and clinical their backs were, as right-wing Lee Hersey outsprinted KCs' defence from his own 22 to score under the posts, adding the extras himself.

OLs were deserving winners, but KCs played their part in an entertaining game which saw Sam Taylor and Stuart Sims make first team debuts. KCs host Kenilworth on Saturday.

Carolians get a kick out of good start to season

Happy Kidderminster Carolians face the camera. They had a 21-point win over Hereford to start the season

KIDDERMINSTER CAROLIANS under-11s made a fine start to the new season with a 56-35 win over Hereford.

Plenty of work has been put in on kicking, with Jonty Monk converting all eight tries.

Try scorers were Jack Garner, Ollie Orr, Josh Harrison and Morgan Woodward.

This was a fine team performance, but the Carolians youngsters face a tough assignment on Sunday when they travel to face Dudley Kingswinford.

Six goals Tiani fires new team to victory

Evesham United Hawks U11 3 Wyre Forest Phoenix U11 7

SIX-GOAL Tiani Forsythe inspired newly-formed Wyre Forest Phoenix under-11s to win their first Mercian League match.

In a borrowed kit as their proper kit hit a production hitch, they started brightly and it wasn't long before they scored their first goal courtesy of Jessica Jenkins.

Forsythe scored twice before Evesham replied just before half-time.

Forsythe grabbed another four goals before an Evesham brace rounded off the scoring.

Headless Cross U12 4 Wyre Forest Phoenix U12 3

The under-12s fought their way to level terms after trailing 3-0 only to concede a winner.

The home team were two up at the break and added a third almost immediately.

Wyre Forest responded through Fleur Connolly before strong running by Sydney Harris brought her two goals.

But Headless Cross grabbed the winner in the dying seconds.

Nunnery Wood Coyotes U13 2 Wyre Forest Phoenix U13 1

The under-13s went ahead after five minutes following a rocket of a shot from Kerstin Ballard.

The home side equalised 20 minutes later and a tight game went the way of Nunnery Wood when they grabbed the winner with a minute to go.

Withymore Girls U15 3 Wyre Forest Phoenix U15 1

Kinver Colts U16 0 Wyre Forest Phoenix U16 4

Kinver, a player short, threatened early on with a chance from a corner that was tipped over the bar by Meg Potter.

Molly Knight got the opening goal, rounding a defender and blasting the ball home.

In the second half, Potter again saved well before Wyre Forest scored again.

Katheryn Baylis was bundled over in the penalty area and rose to despatch the spot-kick.

Baylis and Knight each got a further goal for 4-0.

Halas Hawks U17 6 Wyre Forest Phoenix U17 4

Wyre Forest were two down before Grace Barker found the net and trailed 4-1 at half-time.

Molly Maguire notched a second-half hat-trick but it was not enough as two goals from the Hawks gave them victory.

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Ryan Rowe takes a shot against Macclesfield

Hot-shot Ryan on target for his fourth

Kidderminster Harriers 3
Macclesfield 0

RYAN ROWE hit his fourth goal in two games to help Kidderminster Harriers out of the relegation zone for the first time this season.

The ex-Stourbridge striker joined Chey Dunkley and Marvin Johnson on the scoresheet as Harriers stretched their unbeaten run in the Blue Square Bet Premier to seven games.

After five defeats and five draws they nudged up to fifth from bottom after two successive victories.

They went in to Saturday's clash against promotion-hopefuls Macclesfield after a 3-1 triumph at Cambridge United thanks to a Rowe hat-trick.

Harriers led against the run of play as Dunkley hit his first goal for them with a downward header after a Callum Gittings corner in the 43rd minute.

Powerful

Eighth-placed Macc caused some concern for a defence in which Dunkley and Josh Gowling both performed well.

Five minutes after the break Rowe netted with an angled shot and within a quarter of an hour Keith Briggs set up substitute Johnson for a powerful finish from 20 yards.

Macclesfield, in a first Conference game against their former Football League rivals since 1996, were unable to give Harriers keeper Nathan Vaughan too many worries.

Ex-Aggborough man Matthew Barnes-Homer was controlled after scoring in three previous games.

Kidderminster: N Vaughan; L Vaughan, Dunkley, Gowling, Demetriou; Gittings (Watkins, 64), Briggs, Vincent; Rowe (Johnson, 70), Malbon (Shakes, 82), Blissett. **Subs not used:** Lewis, Williams.

Macclesfield: Cronin; Jackson, Mills, Brown, Braham-Barrett; Henry (Morgan-Smith, 59), Murtagh, Mendy, Winn (Holroyd, 73); Fairhurst, Barnes-Homer. **Subs not used:** Wedgbury, Mackreath, McNamee.

Darcie gets gold in national championships

SAMURAI star Darcie Hancocks stormed to gold at the British junior national championships for 10 and 11-year-olds in St Helens.

Leah Grosvenor added a silver for the Samurai and Matthew Hemer finished fifth.

Hancocks, aged 10, competed in the under-32 kilos group – the largest girls entry. Unbeaten in her weight and age group for 2012, and with a string of golds, she was favourite and quickly showed why.

Her quarter-final went the distance, but she was winning by six scores to zero as the bell went. In the semi-final Hancocks was two scores up, gained a further major score and a maximum on the bell.

Samurai Judo Club

The final, against the same Bristol girl she beat in the final of the Welsh Open, was seconds old as she switched to a backwards throw, a beautiful little leg sweep with a delightful economy of movement and power but which launched the other girl onto her back for maximum points and gold.

Coach Andrew Haffner said: "This wasn't just the gold medal. She was so far ahead of the rest of the field it was unbelievable, given that these are the very best players of that age in the country.

"She scored 10 times without conceding a single score and showed an excellent range of throws and groundwork and a very good tactical awareness."

Hancocks' two older sisters are black belts and her mother a coach at the club.

Leah Grosvenor also has a judo family background. The 10-year-old is comparatively new to the sport but took bronze at the Kent International and the Welsh Open.

Here she she opened with an excellent win by a major score into a groundhold against a Scottish player, then a lovely sideways sacrifice throw in her second contest for maximum score. This put her into the semi-final where a high score and a groundhold booked her place in the final. Against a girl from the north of England, easily her toughest opponent of the day, she was caught by a good counter throw and lost.

In the quarter-finals Matthew Hemer, aged 11, went a score down but an opportunist throw won a place in the semis.

Against easily the best player in his category, a Nottingham boy who took gold, he fought well but was caught with a fine throw and hurt his ribs. This clearly affected him in his losing bronze medal fight.

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BOSS BURR WANTS ALL GO FOR ROWE

KIDDERMINSTER Harriers manager Steve Burr today backed the in-form Ryan Rowe to "kick on" after the striker sprang to life with four goals in his last two games.

First Rowe's 25 minute hat-trick led Harriers to their first Blue Square Premier win of the season at Cambridge.

by Craig Birch

Then, four days later, Rowe was again on target against Macclesfield at Aggborough on Saturday.

The former Stourbridge hitman started in place of injured loanee Richard Peniket, as Burr's men ran out 3-0 winners.

The 24-year-old has already eclipsed his total for all of last season after joining Harriers in February and Burr is looking for more for more from the forward.

The Harriers boss said: "I am really pleased, as I said to Ryan he's got to kick on now and score goals on a more regular basis.

"He picked up a knock in last 20 minutes of the game, but he did well and you could see the confidence in him."

Impact

Rowe was replaced by Marvin Johnson for the last 20 minutes and the winger was the supersub this time, netting the third goal.

Harriers defender Cheyenne Dunkley also opened his account for the club after his summer move from Hednesford.

Burr said: "I felt our first home win had been coming and, in the second half, we did particularly well.

"Our first goal was against the run of play, without a shadow of a doubt, they were causing us a few problems and well on top for the first 25 minutes.

"On the break, I felt with a bit more care in our passing we could have done a bit more damage.

"When Cheyenne scored for us against the run of play, you could see it knocked their confidence.

"It was a great set-piece from us and something we had been working on at the training ground.

"We said to Chey before the game that, as a centre half, he needed to get on the end of a few of those."

After five successive draws, the heat was still on for Harriers at Cambridge last Tuesday night as they searched for their first three-point haul.

But, after Rowe climbed off the bench at half-time and scored on the hour, a 1-0 deficit turned into a massively-satisfying 3-1 win.

Burr said: "That was probably the best performance I have ever witnessed from a substitute.

"Ryan came off the bench and scored three excellent goals. I have never seen anything like that before and he deserves it for his hard work.

"He needed that, as it hadn't been happening for him. I have wanted someone who is at the top of the Conference scoring charts."

Trophy-winning team-mates return 25 years on

Harriers' FA Trophy heroes at the Aggborough reunion, from left, John Barton, Colin Youngjohns, Paul Davies, Colin Brazier, Graham Allner, Mick Tuohy, Dave Reynolds and Kim Casey. *Picture: Stefan Rapacz*

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS' only FA Trophy-winning team reunited at Aggborough, 25 years on from their part in the club's finest hour.

John Barton, Colin Youngjohns, Paul 'Ocker' Davies, Colin Brazier, Mick Tuohy, Dave Reynolds, Kim Casey and boss Graham Allner saw a re-run of Harriers beating Burton Albion at a function staged by Kidderminster Harriers Independent Supporters Trust.

The players and Allner then answered questions from the 50 or so fans in attendance about a final, which went to a replay at the Hawthorns.

The trip to Wembley ended in a goalless draw with Burton Albion so they met again three days later, with Harriers breaking the Brewers' hearts in extra-time.

They would reach the final again in 1991, 1995 and 2007 but have never lifted the trophy since that night on May 12, 1987 in front of 15,685 spectators.

Davies scored twice to seal Harriers' greatest cup success and was welcomed back as a hero along with the club's most successful manager in Allner.

Other members of the 1987 side included Martin Woodall, who is now living in Australia, and Clive Boxall, who couldn't attend due to his father being ill. Boxall said: "Please send my regards to all those that have organised the event, the players, the boss and the supporters.

"I remember the game as if it were yesterday, the Kiddy fans were brilliant and the atmosphere electric.

"I knew we were going to win, it was just meant to be. It was appropriate that 'Ocker' should score both goals.

"My only real contribution was an incredible tackle on my own player Colin Brazier in the second half, his fault not mine.

"Great team, great mates, great management, great support, great days."

Club has the right approach

WYRE FOREST Swimming Club may field a strong team at the county championships in March.

Eight club records were smashed and 122 county qualifying times secured on the first weekend of the club's 2012 championships.

Eleven-year-old Sam Osbourne had four championship best times in the 50m fly, backstroke and freestyle and 100m individual medley.

Eleanor Bainbridge (50m fly), Erica Harris (50m backstroke) Ryan Larkin (50m breaststroke) and Calum Tinsdale (50m freestyle) each broke a record in their age groups.

Double hat-trick is win foundation

Wyre Forest Phoenix Ladies 11
Ludlow Town Ladies 2

A HAT-TRICK in each half by Kirsty Jones saw Wyre Forest secure this big friendly win.

Ludlow, a player short and with others suffering injury niggles, found themselves losing 6-1 at half-time.

Kirsty Roberts (2) and Stacy Whittle were also on target.

In the second half, Roberts completed her treble and Chelsea Mudge also scored.

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Trophy defence success for club

PLAYERS at Kidderminster Golf Club are celebrating the defence of a trophy.

They won the West Midland Scratch League for the second year running,

Meanwhile, Alan Gregory, Barrie Cook and Graham Bashford won the seniors three-ball alliance.

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